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**AMENDMENT**

**AND**

**REQUEST BY APPLICANT FOR  
DECLARATION OF AN INTERFERENCE PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.607**

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Sir:

Please amend the above application as follows:

**In The Claims:**

Please replace the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 1 - 35 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.